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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gilles GUICHARD et al.

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Serial No. 09/904,459

GROUP 1624

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Examiner B. Kifle

STABILIZED ACTIVATED DERIVATIVES
OF CARBAMIC ACID, THEIR PROCESS OF
PREPARATION AND THEIR USE FOR THE
PREPARATION OF UREAS

SECOND FURTHER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action on the merits,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 12 as follows:

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--12. (twice amended) Compounds according to claim 9,
having the formula (Ibis) in which $1 < n < 4$, X is selected from the
group consisting of p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide,
pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole and imidazole, and
GP is an oxycarbonyl group or acyl group.--